

Amendments to the Claims:

Claim 1. (previously presented) A freshening cosmetic composition comprising from about 0.01% to about 2% by weight menthol and from about 0.1% to about 10% by weight menthyl lactate, the menthol/menthyl lactate ratio lying in the range from about 1/3 to about 1/10, said composition not being irritating to sensitive parts of human skin.

Claim 2. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 1, said menthol/menthyl lactate ratio lies in the range from about 1/6 to about 1/4.

Claim 3. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 1 wherein said composition comprises from about 0.01% to about 0.5% by weight of menthol and from about 0.25% to about 1% by weight of menthyl lactate.

Claim 4. (currently amended) A composition according to claim 1, further comprising a fragrance at a concentration lying in the range from about 0.5% to about 5% by weight of the composition.

Claim 5. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 4, said composition further comprising at least one surface active agent selected from anionic surface active agents, at a concentration from about 1% to about 10% by weight.

Claim 6. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 5, said composition further comprising at least one thickening agent selected from the group consisting of xanthan gums and carbomers at a concentration from about 0.2% to about 10% by weight.

Claim 7. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 5 wherein said composition further comprises at least one conditioning polymer.

Claim 8. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 5, said composition further comprising a lustering agent, said lustering agent selected from the

group consisting of sodium laureth sulfate, glycol distearate and a mixture of sodium laurreth sulfate and of glycol distearate, at a concentration from about 0.1% to about 1% by weight.

Claim 9. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 5 said composition further comprising lauryl betaine, at a concentration from about 1% to about 10% by weight.

Claim 10. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 5 said composition further comprising surface active agents selected from the group consisting of sodium laureth sulfate, ammonium laureth sulfate and lauryl glucoside and mixtures thereof, such that the total concentration in surface active agent in the composition is from about 5% to about 30% by weight.

Claim 11. (currently amended) A composition according to claim 5, wherein said composition further comprises at least one hydrating agent selected from glycerol and polyethylene glycol at a concentration lying in the range of 1% to 20% by weight.

Claim 12. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 5 said composition further comprising at least one buffer, a dye, an anti-oxidant, and/or a preservative.

Claim 13. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 5, adapted for use as a shower gel.

Claim 14. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 5 comprising the following compounds in percentage by weight:

-	Water	62.92%
-	Sodium laurreth sulfate	12%
-	Hydroxypropyl methylcellulose	0.5%
-	Sodium cocoyl isethionate	7%
-	Ammonium lauryl sulfate	3%

-	Lauryl glucoside	1%
-	Lauryl betaine	4%
-	Polyquaternium-10	5%
-	Polyethylene glycol (PEG)	2%
-	Preservative(s)	0.5%
-	Fragrance	1.5%
-	Menthyl lactate	0.5%
-	Menthol	0.08%

Claim 15. (previously presented) A method of simultaneously cleansing and freshening the skin comprising applying a composition according to claim 1 to the skin.

Claim 16. (previously presented) A method according to claim 15 wherein said composition is used as a shower gel.

Claim 17. (previously presented) A method according to claim 15 wherein said said composition is used as a foaming gel for the face.

Claim 18. (canceled).

Claim 21. (previously presented) A freshening cosmetic composition consisting essentially of from about 0.01% to about 2% by weight menthol and from about 0.1% to about 10% by weight menthyl lactate, the menthol/menthyl lactate ratio lying in the range from about 1/3 to about 1/10, said composition not being irritating for sensitive parts of the human body.

Claim 22. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 21, wherein said menthol/menthyl lactate ratio lies in the range from about 1/6 to about 1/4.

Claim 23. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 21 wherein said composition comprises from about 0.01% to about 0.5% by weight of menthol and from about 0.25% to about 1% by weight of menthyl lactate.

24-34 canceled.

Claim 35. (previously presented) A method of simultaneously cleansing and freshening the skin comprising applying a composition according to claim 21 to the skin.

Claim 36. (previously presented) A method according to claim 35 wherein said composition is used as a shower gel.

Claim 37. (previously presented) A method according to claim 35 wherein said composition is used as a foaming gel for the face.